


<b>P24077.P01</b> <div style="text-align: center;"><b>UTILITY. PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL</b></div> <p>(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))</p>	Attorney Docket No. <b>P24077</b>	Total Pages 	Inventor(s) or Application Identifier <b>Shinnosuke NAKAHARA, Kazuhiro HASEGAWA, Kazuya ORIBE and Hiroshi TAKAMIDO</b>  Title: <b>INTERVERTEBRAL CAGE</b>
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